

(d) The availability of aircraft for scheduled Operation has improved considerably and the Winter Schedule of Indian airlines effective October, 2006, has been planned with 39 A-320 aircraft, 2 A-300 and all 6 A-319 aircraft. Efforts are on to increase engine availability so that optimum utilization of aircraft, as per laid down norms, is achieved.

Parking problem at Dabolim Airport

2881. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether taxi owners are charged Rs. 500/- to Rs. 1000/- per month for parking their taxis at the Dabolim Airport;

(b) whether the Airports Authority of India has closed access to the taxis which were being parked in a privately owned plot nearby the parking plot of the AAI;

(c) whether it is a fact that taxi owners face undue harassment from the contractor nominated to collect parking fees;

(d) whether these tussles among taxi owners, contractors, AAI and security personnel vitiate the pleasant atmosphere in Goa; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

New building for airport at Ahmedabad

2882. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT:
SHRI SURYAKANT ACHARYA:
SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the project of Rs. 291 crores is prepared for the construction of new building for international airport at Ahmedabad and is pending for clearance from Cabinet Committee for Economic Affairs; and